WATTS BILL N THE HOUSE

Polonged Discussion for and Against the Liquor Law.

HE LONDON SALOON BILL

Comes Up in the Senate and There i a Prolonged Fight Over its Provislons-Several Bills Introduced In the House and Senate.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., February 19.—The
House this afternoon passed the bill providing for a Code Commission of three members, who are to receive \$1,000 per year, \$1,500 being also appropriated for expenses, their work to be the codification of the laws of the State. The bill was ordered sent to the Senate without engrossment.

The House devoted two hours to the Watts bill, Mr. Smith closed his argument for his amendment, continued from last night, Mr. Lucas advocated the Watts bill. Mr. Graham spoke for the Smith amendment, pleading that country people be allowed to vote on the question, just as town people are. Mr. Stubbs supported the Smith amendment, and Mr. Billard advocated prohibition, saying, though, he would support the Watts bill in the absence of stronger bills.

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Mr. Watts called the previous question on his bill, but withdrew the call at the request of Mr. Doughton so the matter could go over until the night session, in the hope that advocates of temperance legislation might get nearer together on the point at issue in the Smith amendment, allowing county people to vote on the question of manufacture, saloons and dispensary, just as provided for towns.

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The only hotable bills introduced were: By Mr. Harrington: To foster intelligence in agricultural pursuits.

By Mr. McRae: Providing for working prisoners in jail before trial for crime.

IN THE SENATE.

The London saloon bill came up in the Senate. Mr. Warren spoke at length in support of his substitute. Mr. London followed, advocating his bill and against the Warren substitute. Mr. Vann opposed the London bill unless it was provided that it be submitted to a vote of the worker. We have been been by Mr. London that the Republican caucus had agreed to oppose an temperance legislation. He said every Republican cam was left to vote as he pleased. He reminded Mr. London that but for the vote of Marshall (Republican) for his bill in committee it would have received an unfavorable report.

Among bills introduced in the Senate were:

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By Mr. Bellamy: To provide all teachers in public schools with revolving desk

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By Mr. Glenn: To allow railroads to transport insane, deaf, dumb and blind patients free.

By Mr. Henderson: To facilitate the sale of swamp lands in Jones and Onslow counties by providing clear title.

By Mr. Justice: To punish the use of whiskey to influence votes in elections.

NIGHT SESSION.

Both the Senate and House wrestled with the whiskey problem to-night, the London bill being up in the Senate and the Watts bill in the House. The House passed the Watts bill on the second reading by a vote of 71 to 33 without amendment to allow country people in counties to vote under same conditions provided for towns and cities. Objection, was made to the third reading of the bill. Mr. Watts moved to suspend the rules and pass it whether or no. Motion demanded aye and no vote, so Mr. Watts withdrew his motion, allowing the bill to go over until to-morrow. Notice was given that a number of amendments will be offered on the third reading.

When the House met announcement was made that no agreement had been reached as to differences between temperance forces, and Mr. Watts declared that managers of the bill insisted that it must stand or fall in its present form. There was two hours' argument before the vote on second reading was reached.

In the Senate the London bill and the substitute offered by the minority of the committee were debated, Senators Hoey, Brown and Beasley speaking at length for the substitutes, The debate will labor bill the committee were debated will labor bill the committee with the limit of hill labor the line of the committee were debated will labor bill the committee were debated bill labor bill the committee were debated will labor bill the committee were

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Early in the evening the Senate passed the committee substitute child labor bill on second reading, but on objection by Mr. Brown it went over until to-morrow for third reading. It only provides that after 1904 no child under twelve years shall be allowed in factories, and that sixty-six hours constitute a week's work. The Senate also passed the bill to establish a historical commission to be appointed by the Governor and be authorized to spend \$500 annually in gathering and preserving data of value.

Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young returned this afternoon from Keysville, va. having brought back as far as Oxford J. A. Massey, arrested yesterday at Keysville for insurance irregularities in rarious counties in this State. At Oxford this morning a preliminary hearing was given Massey, resulting in committal to jail in default of \$1.000 to stand trial for numerous offenses. He acknowledged to Commissioner Young that he worked musurance in the manner charged, but invists that he did not intend any wrong.

NEW FIRE ENGINE

Canvass Started for the Municipal

present and past few days has considerably curtailed tobacco receipts. With the thermometer at fitteen degrees, the farmers do not care to haul it and get it here a frosen block.

Two big enterprises are planned for Durham. A Home Savings Bank, with a fifty thousand dollar capital, and a Loan and Trust Company, with one hundered thousand dollars, and to be started here as soon as the saked for charter is obtained. The principal incorporators are George W. Watts, B. N. Duke, John Sprunt Hill and S. A. Carr. They have purchased property and will build a modern five story structure.

THE PROPOSED COUNTY

Committee of the House Will Report Bill Unfavorably.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALBIGH, N. C., Feb. 19.—The House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 19.—The House
Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns
has decided to report unfavorably the
bill introduced some days ago to establish a new county, formed of portions
of Moore, Chatham and Harnett counties,
to be known as Lee county. Advocates
of the bill declare they will keep up the
fight before every Legislature until they
got it. The unfavorable report of the
committee means that the bill will be
voted down in the House.

President Venable, of the State University, and Dr. Winston, of the A. and
M. College, were before the joint Committee on Education this evening to urge
that the full amount of appropriations
asked for by these two institutions be
granted. The committee has as yet taken no action.

A bill by Mr. Pharr, of Mecklenburg,
to empower the Corporation Commission
to regulate damage charges will be reported favorably by the Committee, on
Railroads and Railroad Commission.

News has been received here of the
death of Rev. J. W. Wallace, one of the
brightest of the younger members of the
North Carolina Methodist Conference. He
died at Chalk Level yesterday. The fureral was preached by Dr. T. N. Ivy,
of this city, ividay. The deceased leaves
a wife and three small children.

The funeral of Mrs. T. E. Skinner, wife
of Dr. Thomas B. Skinner, for many
years pastor of the First Baptist Church
of this city, will be conducted Friedy
afternoon, she having died early this
morning.

Mrs. Skinner was the daughter of Jno.
R. Ludlow, of New York, and was born
January 1, 11833. She had been critically
ill for several weeks.

An effort will be made to induce the
Governor to select Raleigh as the locarion for the monuments by the United
States government to the memory of General Nash and General Davidson. It will
be urged that they should be either in
the Capitol Square or in Nash Square, the
park in front of the Union Depot, where
the monument by the school children and
citizens to Sir Walter Raleigh will be
a central figure. There will also be

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The special committee to investigate charges of cruelty to convicts by officers and guards of the State prison is making progress daily. The testimony of two witnesses was taken yesterday. It is expecied that some of the convicts will be questioned before the committee on next Monday.

IN GREENSBORO

Judge Boyd Not in Favor of Holding Court at Wilkesboro.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 19.—An act was recently passed by Congress, establishing a United States Court at Wilkesboro, in the Western North Carolina Disboro, in the western North Carolina District, about one hundred miles west of here. District Judge Boyd has vigorously opposed it, on the ground that the court at Greensboro was all sufficient for this territory, and the establishment of additional terms at Wilkesboro would greatly add to the expense, without any compensating advantages to the government or the public. The bill is now awaiting the signature of the President Judge Boyd received a telegram from the Attorney General yesterday to come to Washington for a consultation on the matter, and left to-day on the noon train.

At 9 o'clock last night a jury in the Superior Court here returned a verdict of one thousand dollars damages in favor of Miss Mattie Hegwood against A. A. Johnson, a shoe manufacturer here, for false arrest and slander.

Two years ago Miss Hegwood, who lives a few miles in the country, while vending vegetables, sold some to Mrs. Johnson son. A few minutes after she left Mrs. Johnson missed her pocketbook and, informing her husband, he looked up Miss Hegwood and asked her about it. She protested that she knew nothing of it. Mr. Johnson sought the assistance of the chief of police, and Miss Hegwood and her companion were taken to the police station. While there a phone message came from Mrs. Johnson, saying she had found the pocketbook in the bureau. The ladies were discharged with scant courtesy and no apology.

Miss Hegwood, on the trial, which was hotly contested, lasting two days, proved an excellent character. The plea of the defense was that there had been no arrest and no charge of lareny brought against Miss Hegwood, but the jury found all the issues in favor of the plaintiff, fixing damages at \$1,000, whils the claim was for \$2,000.

Mr. J. E. Dobbs, of Rockingham county, and Mrs. Emma Moore were married here last night at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kimboro. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ira Erwin, in the presence of a few invited friends.

The couple left this morning for the home of the grown, in triot, about one hundred miles west of District Judge Boyd has vigor-

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THE BISHOP TRIAL

Case Given to the Jury Last Night-Ver dict Expected To-Day.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., February 19,-The jury in the case of Arthur L. Bishop, or Jury in the case of Artnur L Histop, on trial for the murder of Thomas J. Wilson, took the case to-night at 10:45 o'clock. Judge Neal ordered that he would not receive the verdict until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The court room was filled with a curious growd all day, and to-night when the case was

still crowded.
Colonel H. C. Jones closed the case for

Canvass Started for the Municipal Election in May.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DURHAM, N. C., February 19.—The new steamer for the Fire Department, arrived yesterday, and Messrs. LaFrance and Moore, agents of the manufacturers, were here to receive it, put it up, give it a lest, and turn it over to the Fire Department. The machine cost about fifty live hundred dollars, and its appearance & good.

A sad story comes from the Watts Hospital. A Mrs. West, formerly of Walto younty, but recently living near the Commonwealth Cotton Mill here, was carried to the hospital some ten days ago, surfering with pneumonia and died there the night of the lifth. She had a daughter ind son-in-law living here, who, when it became evident she would die, at once absented themselves from town, leaving as address and also leaving the county to bury the body.

Aiready canvass has began for the municipal election to be held in May, and there are several candidates for each strice. The aldermen who asked for an immendment to the city charter and incorporated in it "that each ward should like it is own alderman," finding thempelves so small a minority have withfarwn their clause.

The extremely cold weather of the irragedy cocurred—tha dead man's own home.

LAST NIGHT

Annual Phi Beta Kappa Celebration at Williamsburg.

PROF. JOYNES THE ORATOR

Hon. R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville Read an Original Poem-Five Well-Known Men Were Initiated-A Sketch of Alpha Chapter.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Feb. 19.—The annual celebration of the Phi Beta Kap-pa Society of William and Mary College was held to-night in the college chapel in the presence of a large and brilliant audience. President B. D.

The crator of the occasion was Prof. Edward Joynes, of Columbia, S. C. Hon. R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, read poem were literary gems of a high order,

poem were literary gems of a high order, and were well received.

After the public exercises a banquet was served, at which all the members and their guests sat down.

The following gentlemen were present to-night for initiation, having been previously elected:
Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, Hon. Wm. B. Mcliwaine, Mr. Alfred B. Williams, Mr. S. S. P. Patteeon and Mr. R. M. Hughes, Jr.
Other members present were Dr. J. W.

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Other members present were Dr. J. W. Southall, Dr. J. W. Lawson, Rev. B. D. Tucker, Dr. L. B.arton, Dr. J. L. Hall, Dr. C. E. Bishop, Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, Dr. Van F. Garrett, Mr. Percy S. Stephenson, Hon. R. M. Hughes, Jr., Professor H. S. Bird, Professor T. J. Stubbs, Judge R. T. W. Duke, Professor E. S. Joynes, Mr. E. W. James, Mr. A. P. Fercron, Mr. Richard S. Thomas.

The Alpha Chapter of Virginia, the mother chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, occupies a unique position, and is the most induential in the chain of chapters in this country. To be elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa means much. Only those who have established a literary record, or those of fine promise are elected to membership. On its rolls are some of the most distinguished scholars, orators, statesmen and authors of Virginia and America.

PHI BETA KAPPA.

History of Alpha Chapter at William and Mary College.

This unique society originated at the College of William and Mary towards the close of the year which saw the enactment of the Declaration of Inde pendence. The original records extending from December 5, 1776, to January 6, 1777, when the parent chapter dispersed, owing to the strees of war, read as follows: "On Thursday, the 5th of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and the first of the Commonwealth; a happy, spirit and resolution of atr' lning, the important ends of society entering the minds of John Heath, Thomas Smith, Richard Booker, Armistead Smith, and John Jones, and afterwards seconded by others, provailed, and was accordingly ratified." These were, therefore, the charter members and seem possessed by a broad, humanitarian spirit.

A spuare silver medal was then adopted, engraved on one side with the letters S. P. as the initials of Latin words, and on the other side with the initials of Greek words, Phi Beta Kappa.

On January 5, 1777, they again met and fixed upon an oath designed to make its members more faithful and loyal to the purposes of the society. The objects were parily social and parily literary, as was evidenced by the banquets which occasionally called its members together in social mirth and festivity, and by the literary compositions and debates which constituted the central features of their monthly meetings. At their meeting on March 5, 1777, the first rule made was as follows:

"Resolved First, That in every design, or attempt, whether great or small we ought to invoke the Deity." Thus the keynotte of religion was not absent from the society in the beginning of its years.

OTHER CHAPTERS.

With a broad, humanitarian spirit, which they considered to be not foreign to a true philosophy, they soon determined that their social and literary or ranization should not be confined in its The original records extend ing from December 5, 1776, to January 6

to a true philosophy, they soon deter mined that their social and literary or ganization should not be confined in its benefits to the parent chapter, but should be extended elsewhere. They, therefore, issued charters for three Virginia chapters, one in Westmoreland county, which chapters either never started, or soon chapters either never started, or soon expired, Finally, Mr. Elisha Parmelee was, on December 4, 1778, granted permis-sion to establish chapters at Harvard, his sion to establish chapters at Harvard, his own Alma Mater, and also at Yale; the Alpha of Virginia professing itself desi-rious, in almost true prophetic spirit, of establishing chapters "in all the United States." These were the original univeen colonies, "They builded better than they knew."

colonies, "They builded better than they knew."

The Alpha of Virginia continued its peaceful work of social and literary culture until, finally, finally, \$1781, a British fleet, with Benedict Arnold on board, anchored off Jamestown, On January 6th the records were soaled and delivered to the college stoward; the mambers dispersed, expressing, however, members dispersed, expressing, however, enthusiastic hopes that the society would ere long reviv and be arrayed in garmohts.

ere long reviv and be arrayed in garmehts of beauty and glory.

These expectations were strangely disappointed. More than fifty years later in 1849, the Alpha of Virginia resumed its organic life. Then William Short, of Surry county, Va., then living in Philadelphia, Pa., and an old man of 93 years, who had been its president at the time of its last meeting in 1781, consented to act in its reorganization, and thus presenve the continuity of its existence. In 1851 war again dishanded the chapter About the year 1876, when the college was almost crushed out of life by financial straits, an effort was made to revive it by electing a few new members; but it by electing a few new members; but t went no further.

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In 1893, when the college itself had taken on new life under the auspices of the State, the Alpha of Virginia rose once more to new life. Colonel B. S. Ewell, emeritus president of the college, was the connecting link in 1833, as William Short had been in 1849. To Colonel William Lamb has been mainly due its present successful revival.

ITS PECULIAR SPHERE.

Meanwhile, chapter after chapter had been formed in warlous colleges of the United States, beginning with the chapters of Yale and Harvard. The secret features which characterized the original Alpha of Virginia became much obliterated in many chapters, totally in one, or more, Other secret societies arose, and supplied a real, or supposed want for such fraternities, and the Fhi Beta Kappa came gradually to occupy a sphere peculiarly its own. It has continued to maintain its collegiate character by establishing chapters at collegea. But in most

colleges it is only distinguished graduates who are admitted; though in some few, undergraduates along with graduates are members, and have frequent meetings during the sessien, with compositions and debates as in the original Alpha; and at times, even speakers outside the college are invited to address the chapter. But all the chapters now stretch out the hand of college fellowship by admitting men of high social culture and superior itierary acquirements to membership, and such admission is a distinction which no intelligent man despises, and some most eagerly covet.

In 1881, just a contury after the original Alpha disbanded, steps were taken to organise a National Council, in which the various chapters might be represented. Of the original fifty members, nearly all went into the Continental army; many of the rest figured notably in the history of their country. The first two presidents of the original Alpha, Heath and Short, were eminent in political life. Chief Justice Marshall is, perhaps, the most widely known of all.

The present Alpha has many distinguished men on her roll, and has an annual celebration and collation, with an advress, combining, as in the golden days of the original Alpha, socially and intellectual culture.

The present officers are: B. D. Tucker, presidents of theories are: B. D. Tucker.

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The present officers are: B. D. Tucker, president; L. B. Wharton, vice-president; J. L. Hall, secretary; V. F. Garrett, transurar.

CREWE'S CHARTER

Proposition to Have the Mayor Elected by the People,
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CREWE, VA., February 19.—Property
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Mr. W. L. Welborn, who was a candidate for Mayor at the last municipal election, is circulating a petition asking the Legislature to amend the charter so that the Mayor and sergeant will be elected by a direct vote of the people, and also asking that the charter be further amended, so as to make the elections for two days instead of one. It it very probable that the charter will be amended, as there seems to be no objection to the officers being elected by the people.

Mr. Hary E. Lee, who is now serving his third year as Mayor, has expressed humelt as being heartly in favor of a change in the charter, so that the office of Mayor and sergeant may be filled by a direct vote of the people; in fact, Mr. Lee circulated a petition seking that these changes be made by the last Legislature, and no doubt they would have been made had the petition before the adjournment of the Legislature.

Under the present provision of the charter the Mayor and sergeant are elected by a vote of the Council.

TERMINAL PIERS

Probability That Baltimore Compan

Will Build at Newport News.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 19.— C. H. Arnal, representing the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal and Coke Company here,

C. H. Arnal, representing the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal and Coke Company here, stated to-day that in accordance with instructions from a certain Baltimore rallway company, the option on the Vaughan property, just below pier 10, had been refeaved, and that Engineer J. L. Marye had been employed to survey the property and make a plat. This plat, it is said, will be submitted to the railway company, and should the property meet the requirements, it is said that the company will establish a terminal and build several piers.

W. G. Hopps and a number of other people of this city to-day entered suit in chancery against the Mutual Protective Building and Loan Association of Baltimore. The plaintiffs charge fraud and ask that a receiver be appointed for the purpose of winding up the corporation's business. The plaintiffs claim that they pald \$65 in subscription to the stock of the company and afterwards wished to draw out under a provision in the charter, but were not allowed to do so.

James Smith, a white man, who was found hiding in the woods north of the city to-day by Sergeant O'Hara, is at the hospital now in a pitiful condition. The man had been drinking heavily, and Tuesday he began to labor under the delusion that a man with a gun was after him. He went out into the woods and slept there Tuesday night, and last night some citizens of North End heard of Smith's condition and notified the police. When the sergeant discovered him his feet were frozen and he was almost in a dying condition.

MAIL ROBBERY

Rommie Mitchell, Arrested in Bedford, Makes Confession.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., February 19. arrived here late last night, having under rrest Rommie Mitchell, a young man who has been carrying mail in Bedforcounty, and who is charged with having embezzied a revolver, which had been ent by mail. The prisoner had a hearing this morning before United States Com-missionr Thomas J. O'Brien, and admit-

ted his guilt. ted his guilt.

The evidence to-day showed that a short time ago Mrs. Nannie L. Patter-on, the assistant postmistress at Body Camp, sent by mail a revolver in a bounddressed to Mr. W. J. Woods, who lives addressed to Mr. W. J. Woods, who lives near Kasey's. The prisoner carried the mail, and before reaching the latter piace abstracted the pistol and deposited the empty box in the mail box which Mr. Woods has outside his premises for that purpose. Mr. Woods went to get his mail and finding only the empty box, began to make an investigation, and found that the only tracks there were those believed to have been made by the prisoner and his horse, hence he was arrested.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Hampden-Sidney Has Material for a Victorious Team.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., February 19.-W. F. Patton, manager of the Hampden-Sidney base-ball tam, aennounces th ollowing schedule: March 28th, Hoge Military Academy at

March 31st, open.
April 11th, Maryland Agricultural College at Hampden-Sidney.
April 13th, St. Albans at Hampden-Sid-

April 18th, Washington and Lee at Lexngton. April 20th, V. M. I. at Lexington. April 22d, Richmond College at Hamp

April 28th, Randolph-Macon College a The prospects for a victorious team are





of the (London) Review of Reviews

Money Kings By W. T. Stead

Some famous financial bubbles and the men who have blown them. See this week's

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

The Law at Heart's Desire

By Emerson flough, author of The Mississippi Bubble. A celebrated case, in which Curly's killing of his fu-ture father-in-law's pig played an im-

The Admirable Tinker

By Edgar E sepson. In which twelve-year-old Tinker engages a governess for his adopted sister and interrupts

Men and Measures

By Charles Emory Smith. What is doing in Washington—the Venezuelan complications and the revolt against Quay methods in the Senate

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By E Neshit, author of The Wouldbegoods. A tale of a gentle-manly burglar who played chaperone and prevented an elopement.



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better, than, they have been for a number of years.

In view of the fact that the 22d comes on Sunday, the inte "ate exercises will be held on the 11 h, and 21st. The gymnasium team v give an exhibition to-night. Friday night the literary societies have their celebration, and call the control of the pramatic Club will give an entertainment.

V. P. I. BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Series of Games Announced for the Season of 1903.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSBURG, VA., February 19,-The following is the base-ball schedule for the Virginia Polytechnic Institute team:

March 28th, Eastern College at Blacksburg.
April 8th, St. John's College at Blacksburg.
April 18th, Roanoke College at Roanoke.
April 21st, St. Albans at Blacksburg.
April 27th, University of Virginia at Lynchburg.
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May ith, V. M. I. at Lexington.
May 5th, Washington and Lee at Lex-May 7th, Emory and Henry at Blacks

May 9th, St. Albans at Radford. 12th, University of

May 18th, V. M. I, at Roanoke.
Other games are pending.
Mr. Al Orth, of Lynchburg, Va., the
celebrated pitcher of the Washington
National League team, has been engaged
to coach the team. The prospects are
bright for a successful season. There is
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CLINCHPORT'S FIRE

Every Store in This, Enterprising Scot

Every Store in This Enterprising Scott
County Village Burned.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., February 19.—The business portion of Clinchport, Va., an enterprising commercial village on the Virginia and Southwestern Railway, in Scott county, was burned this afternoon. Mine buildings were destroyed, entailing an estimated loss of \$20,000, with but little insurance. The blaze started from a defeotive flue in the store of Head & Sloan, and spread rapidly to adjacent buildings, there being practically no means of fighting the flames. The only buildings left standing in the business section were the railway depot and two hotels. The buildings burned included the following: Head & Sloan's store, with contents, estimated loss \$7,000; J. V. Lyon's store, loss \$5,00; J. A. Ruth's store, loss \$2,500. John M. Johnston's empty store building, loss \$1,000; Gobble & Kidd, loss \$2,500. Not a store was left in the village.

LYNCHBURG Y. W. C. A.

Miss Helen Barnes Visits That City and a Branch is Formed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., February 19,-Miss Helen F. Barnes, national secretary of Woman's Work of the Young Woman's Christian Association, visited Lynchburg to-day and gave an address to the ladies at Hotel Carroll. At the conclusion of the address it was decided to organize in Lylchburg a branch of the Y. W. O. A., and at the suggestion of Miss Barnes a committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Dr. J. J. Lloyd, Mrs. N. D. Eiler, Mrs. J. A. Scott, Mrs. Ages Mullin and Mrs. F. W. Martin, to meet to-morrow morning to elect a Board of Directors. Another meeting will then be called, at which officers will be chosen and the work of the association begin. One of the principal features of the association will be a Young Women's Home, where Christian Association, visited Lynchbu

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the young women employed in the factories here car secure board and lodging at rates within their means and under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. All the indies present this morning will be considered as charter members of the association.

POLK MILLER OUARTETTE

They Got Off at Lynchburg by Mistake and He Went On.

cial to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 19.-Polk Miller, of Richmond, arrived in Lynchburg this afternoon with his negro quartette en route for Christiansburg where he was scheduled to give an en tertainment to-night. He was in one car and his colored quartette was in another. When the train pulled into the other. When the train pulled into the station here the quartette thought fit was their destination and immediately got down on the platform and began walking around, expecting every minute to run up on their manager and employer. The train started and Mr. Miller did not find out that his quartette had been left behind until the train was in Bedford. He then decided that there was no use for him to go to Christiansburg, and accordingly at Lowry's took the east-bound train and came back to Lynchburg, where he found his singers.

The Chickahominy High.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ELLERSON, VA., Feb. 19.—The Chick ahominy River was higher this last freshet than it has been since the year freshet than it has been since the year of the Johnstown freshet. A party from Richmond while attempting to cross on the road leading from Richmond to Elerson's Station had a fine horse drowned. The road is badly washed on the Henrico side and cannot be used. It is hoped Henrico county will soon fix this road, as it is one of the principal roads used by Hanover and King William counties to reach Richmond. This road has been in deplorable condition ever since it was abundoned by the Henrico Turnplice Co. several years ago, as little or no work has been done on it since that time.

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